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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SUPPLY OF EXPENDABLES

SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith please find twenty (20) sheets of formal drawings. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of these formal drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(B) - FILING DATE GRANTED

ATTN: BOX MISSING PARTS

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Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) - Filing Date Granted," mailed November 29, 2001 for the above application, Applicant respectfully submits herewith the Declaration and verified English language translation for the above identified application properly executed by the inventors. Also enclosed please find an executed Assignment and PTO Form 1595 and Submission of Formal Drawings and twenty (20) sheets of drawing and Petition for Extension of Time.

Checks for the statutory fee of \$130.00, \$130.00 non-English specification fee, \$110.00 Petition for Extension of Time fee and \$40.00 recordation of Assignment fee are attached. Please also charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
 - A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Applicant must file an English translation of the application, the \$ 130 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 260.
- · Because your specification was filed in a language other than English, the Office was unable to determine the number of claims submitted. Additional claim fees may be due once the number of claims can be determined.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

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